

The Pastrow Benefice

Sharing the love, grace and truth of Jesus Christ

Services & events this week

Friday 5th Holy Communion 1.30 pm Weyhill and 2.30 pm Charlton

Wednesday 10th

Holy Communion 9.30 am HBT & 10 am Tanglely

Friendship Group 7.30 pm Charlton all welcome call Jude to find out more information

Services & events next week

Sunday 14th – Passion Reading 6.30 pm Charlton

Holy Week – see the separate list attached for all events across the benefice.

Notes from Pastrow Admin

Please join me in wishing many congratulations to Tom and Hannah on the safe arrival of Robyn Olivia on Tuesday 2nd April. A little sister for Alice 😊



Readings This Week

Colossians 1 15 – 23
Luke 9 18 - 22

Next Week

Luke 19 28 – 40 Ps 118 1 – 2 19 – end

Grapevine

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In your Prayers please pray for.....

All those as the schools break up will be traveling away from home, may they have a safe journey.

Our services in Holy Week may they be well attended and bring hope to all

Our clergy and their families as they enter this extremely busy time of year

Pastrow & Community Diary Dates

Monday 15th April Amazing Grace Retreat at The Old Dairy Hatherden, please book as places are limited, call Jude 07999 352585

Tuesday 16th April
Passover Meal Vernham Village Hall 5 pm Call Tammy 737269 to book

Messy Church Easter Special 11 am Charlton to book call Karen 07766 945118

Thursday 18th April Passover meal 6.30 pm Charlton to book please call Jude 07999 352585

Words of Encouragement

By Karen Blakeman

Share A Prayer

Introducing our Prayer Bears – an idea from a mum at Hatherden School. Hopefully you can see from the photo each Bear has a Letter on the front of their school jumper and this represents the class names at Hatherden School. Each an author. A= Ahlberg D= Donaldson M= Morpurgo S= Shakespeare.



Hopefully you can also make out the little rucksack each bear is wearing.

Throughout the week the children are being encouraged to place their prayers in the rucksack, then on a Friday the Junior Church Wardens collect the rucksacks from each class and leave them in the vestry. In church on a Sunday the collected prayers are read, we then compose prayers to send back for them to read too.

This has been the process for the last 3 weeks. It brings a smile to my face and I've been very excited each time I get to open the rucksacks and read the prayers inside and I would like to share this experience with you all. So, if your church receives a folder saying Share a Prayer you will know what it's all about. And if you want to reciprocate and add a prayer to the folder to be given to the children to pray please do so.

In an idea I think we can call **Share a Prayer**

- Dear God, thank you for helping me do finger spaces in my English.
- help my maths – amen
- Dear God, thank you for our world and all the lovely things you give us. Amen
- Dear God, please help us to work to our best ability in school and in other activities we do. Please help others who are struggling in life – Thank you – Amen
- Dear God, please help people who have worries and give them a bunch of good days.
- Dear God, help me stay in touch with my friend on messenger when he leaves to go to Torquay. Amen
- Moving Forward, we shall be encouraging the children to let us know if their prayers have been answered.

And I'd like to finish with my prayer which has been answered -

Thank you, Lord, for the teams of people involved and the ideas to bring the church and school closer together, growing our family in your name. Amen.